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SUBJECT: US EXPERT PARTICIPATION IN CONSERVATIVE
RESEARCH DEPARTMENT SYMPOSIUM IN LONDON, DECEMBER 19

REF: LONDON 14430

1. PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL REQUESTED DEPARTMENT AND AEC TO
SELECT KNOWLEDGEABLE US EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN
CONSERVATIVE PARTY RESEARCH DEPARTMENT SYMPOSIUM IN
LONDON ON DECEMBER 19.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER:
QUOTE WE WISH TO CONDUCT A COLLOQUIUM ON THE THREE
MAJOR NUCLEAR POWER ELECTRICITY GENERATING TECHNOLOGIES
FOR CONSERVATIVE MPS INTERESTED IN THE LONG TERM FUTURE
OF OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES. THE PROPOSED DAY FOR THE
COLLOQUIUM IS WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER BEGINNING AT 10:30
AM AND LASTING UNTIL 12:45 AM. WE HOPE TO HAVE THREE
SPEAKERS MAKING A PRESENTATION ON THEIR PARTICULAR
INTERESTS. EACH PRESENTATION WILL LAST FOR 45 MINUTES:
THE SPEAKERS WILL NOT ATTEND THE OTHER TWO PRESENTATIONS.

WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A PRESENTATION BY A
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SPEAKER SPONSORED BY THE USAEC. THIS SPEAKER COULD, OF

COURSE, BE PRIVATELY EMPLOYED BY A UTILITY COMPANY.
HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE HAVE AN OFFICIAL
SPONSORSHIP TO AVOID BAD FEELINGS ON THE PART OF OTHER
LWR TECHNOLOGY LICENSE HOLDERS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
HAVING A PAPER INTRODUCING AND GENERALLY DESCRIBING THE
TALK SO THAT WE MAY, BY DISTRIBUTING IT TO MPS IN ADVANCE,
GIVE THEM A BACKGROUND TO THE SPECIFIC POINTS MADE IN THE
PRESENTATION.

I AM SORRY THAT ALL THIS IS AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE
BUT WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE AT THIS TIME TO
GIVE INTERESTED MPS THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND TO
APPRECIATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY GOVERNMENT DECISION ON
REACTOR TECHNOLOGY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.

SIGNED STEPHEN PROBYN
UNQUOTE

3. WE HAVE ASKED UK AEA IF THEY OR DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
AND INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO OFFICIAL US
PARTICIPATION IN COLLOQUIUM. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD
SPECIFIC REPLY, UK AEA HAS SAID THAT THEY WILL FURNISH
REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS AGR, AND THAT PETER WALKER
(SECSTATE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY) HAS AGREED TO THEIR
PARTICIPATION ON UNDERSTANDING IT IS FOR BACKGROUND INFO
OF CONSERVATIVE MPS AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO DIRECT
PRESS COVERAGE. CONSERVATIVE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT HAS
TOLD US THAT BOTH PETER WALKER AND MININDUSTRY TOM
BOARDMAN SUPPORT CONCEPT OF COLLOQUIUM WITH "THREE
TECHNOLOGIES" (AGR, CANDU, AGR) REPRESENTED. WE ARE
CHECKING FURTHER, BUT IN THE MEANTIME SUGGEST AEC
CONTINUE EFFORT LINE UP US PARTICIPANT.
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